GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:185
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GRANTS FOR EDUCATION TO BACKWARD STATES
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to provide hundred percent grant for education to the backward States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have implemented any scheme in this regard since the year 1999-2000 so that these States could achieve the targets of complete literacy by the end of the year 2005;

(d) if so the details thereof; and

(e) the progress achieved by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 185 to be answered on 04.03.2003 asked by Shri Mansinh Patel and Shri Haribhai Chaudhary regarding Grants for education to backward states

Though there is no scheme of 100% grant to backward States for their educational development, there are a few Centrally Sponsored Schemes under which 100% grants are released to State Government/Union Territories.

The Programme of Total Literacy Campaign (TLC)/Post Literacy Programme (PLP)/Continuing Education Programme (CEP) of the National Literacy Mission is being implemented in 587 Districts. The Government has also launched a programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for providing free and compulsory quality education of 8 years to all children of the age group of 6-14 in the country. Approvals were given under SSA in 2000-2001 for Rs. 76 crore, in 2001 - 2002 for Rs. 1106 crore, and for pre-project and annual plans in 2002-2003, approvals have been given for Rs. 5441 crore including the Districts Primary Education Programme (DPEP) component covering primary education for 576 districts in the country.

Districts/Blocks in various states have been identified as educationally backward, at different times, based on specific criteria. These districts/blocks are given priority when formulating and implementing programmes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mahila Samakhya and programmes for educationally backward minorities.

The Schemes for the Educationally Backward Minorities and Mahila Samakhya are 100% grant schemes. In the Tenth Plan period, the National Programme for Girls' Education at the Elementary Level under SSA and the Kasturba Swatantrata Vidyalya scheme of girls' residential schools are proposed to be operationalized in these districts/blocks. Besides, it is also proposed to extend the Mahila Samakhya programme to cover these backward districts.